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Although falls are the most frequently reported adverse events in nursing homes, fall risk assessment is not standardized or regulated. The purpose of this study was to examine the types of fall risk assessment tools used in nursing homes in order to identify which tools are used and the domains which they include.

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Dry skin is a common problem in the older individual due to physiological changes of the aging process as well as

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270 Patient Transfer Forms Enhance Key Information Between Nursing Homes and Emergency Department

Preeti Dalawari, Jennifer Duggan, Vandana Vangimalla, Miguel Paniagua, and Eric S. Armbrecht

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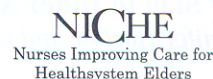
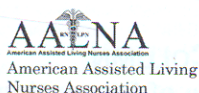
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